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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director (Support)

**SUBJECT:** Foreign Language Development Program  
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**REFERENCE:** Memo to ADTR from DD/S, dtd 10 Mar 56,  
subject as above.

1. On 12 April the Comptroller General advised the Director of Central Intelligence that, "the provisions of the CIA Act of 1949 constituted sufficient authority to make cash payments to Agency personnel participating in the proposed (Foreign Language Incentive Awards) program." In presenting his opinion, the Comptroller General used the language "...presumably on their own time and at their own expense. . . ." This Office requested the General Counsel to determine whether or not this language imposed a limitation on the Director's authority to pay cash awards to Agency personnel who received foreign language training on official time at Agency expense. The General Counsel consulted the Comptroller General and learned that no such limitation was intended.

2. On 30 April the General Counsel concurred in the Office of Training drafts of the two regulations required to put the program into effect. These regulations are now being prepared for final coordination by the Office of Personnel, the Chief, Regulations Control Staff, and the task force which prepared the original staff study. It is estimated that final coordination will be completed by 1 June.

3. Work has begun on the preparation of:

a. Two Agency notices supplemental to the

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regulations which (1) announce the schedule of awards for each level of proficiency and each category of languages and (2) identify the foreign languages for which incentive awards are authorized. Drafts are scheduled for completion by 14 May.

- b. A Foreign Language Incentive Award Application Form which will include all essential information required to establish the eligibility of candidates for awards. Draft of the Form is scheduled for completion by 14 May.
- c. A statement of the additional professional and clerical personnel required to administer the Foreign Language Incentive Awards Program, scheduled for completion on 14 May.

4. The Office of Training and the Office of Personnel have reached agreement on the data required for inclusion in the Agency Register of Foreign-Language-Skilled-Personnel. The data is also included in the revised Personnel History Statement form. The Register will be developed from machine tabulations of the data afforded on new Personnel History Statements and from proficiency test results provided by the Office of Training.

SIGNED

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